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REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The **Third Supplement** to the **Revised Ultimate History** is available for \$4.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. Supplement #1, 2 and 3 are \$15 plus \$2.00 P&H. #2 and 3 are \$11.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including all 3 supplements is \$58 plus \$4 P&H.

The **Third Supplement of the Necrology** is also available for \$2.00. The complete Necrology is \$14.00 which includes all three supplements.

CONVENTION 2000: We had our committee meeting on February 6th.

The dates are October 19 – 22 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Hotel rooms will be the same rate. You might want to try the 800 numbers for the various hotels early for lower rates. They are **Holiday Inn** (1-800-465-4329). As of right now, the management is offering us a price of \$130 for each night including Thursday

Sheraton (next door) (1-800-325-3535).

Howard Johnson (half-mile away; shuttle service) (1-800-446-4656). The management is giving us a price of \$100 a night. Mention AAA or AARP if applicable.

In any case, reservations **MUST** be made using the 800 numbers this time. Check regular rates first (AAA or AARP) and then use FOTR rates if they are cheaper.

For our 25th Convention, we are asking members to send in short articles about their favorite and meaningful experiences in previous conventions. These will be put in our convention booklet. You can e-mail or mail them in. They should be less than one page so we can put in as many as possible. Lee Munsick did one last year.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Seventh** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as The Shadow, Jack Benny, etc. The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 2001 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by **September 1, 2000**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (908) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, Jr, Donald Dortmund, Joel Senter and Arlene Osborne. This year's winner was .

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

CONVENTION 1999: Convention Booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. FOTR Chip clips which we gave out to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H.

Video and Audio cassettes of the 24th Annual FOTR Convention are available from AVPRO. Price of 3 videos and 5 audio cassettes is \$60. Individual videos are \$20 each and the 6 audio cassettes package is \$20. Individual cassettes are separately priced at \$20 each. Prices include shipping.

AVPRO, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-332-8776) FAX 909-244-0022 <avpro@cosmoaccess.net>

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **On the Air**, Jan - Feb; article about John Hickman...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Jan - Feb; **Radio's Greatest Moments**, Part 2; Article on Blacklisting (Both by Elizabeth McLeod...Mar - Apr; **More of Radio's Greatest Moments...Radio Recall**, Feb; articles about Lux Radio Theater; Danny Thomas...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Feb. article about Bobs Watson...**NARA News**, Winter; articles about Charlie McCarthy's kidnapping; **Radio Transcriptions**; **Radio Traitors**; Margaret Draper; Minnie Pearl; Druggist Richard Peavy; Humphrey Bogart on Radio; Sergeant Preston, Fact and Fiction;;; **RLL On the Air**, Dec; article about FDR, his life and fireside chats...**The Times of Kate Smith**, Winter; article about Kate Smith sheet music...**Return With Us Now**, Feb; some of Elizabeth McLeod's best programs...Mar; **More Elizabeth McLeod's best programs**; Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy...**Radiogram**, Feb; article about KFI tower...Mar; articles about Space Patrol; Jack Armstrong; Vince Scully...**Tradition**, Jan - Feb; articles about Lulu Belle; Snuffy Jenkins and Pappy Sherrill; Joe Manuel; Gene Autry's Melody Ranch; Billie Maxwell; Merle Travis...**Aircheck**, Winter; article about John Archer...**RCA Newsletter**, Jan; Highlights of interview with Frankie Laine; article about Eddie Cantor...Feb; articles about The Goldbergs and Hi Brown...**Radio Active**, Feb; article about WMCA in New York...**Illustrated Press**, Feb; articles about Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts; The Big Bands; Wartime radio plays of Norman Corwin...Mar; articles about Queen for a Day; Your Hit Parade; Major Bowes' Original Amateur Hour; more on Wartime Plays by Norman Corwin...**Old Time Radio Digest**, Winter; articles about new science fiction audio drama; FDR's election eve radio show in 1944 ...**Nostalgia Digest**, Apr - May; articles about Chuck Schaden and 30 years on radio; hard-boiled radio private eyes; Rudy Vallee; Casey Jones.

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...One recent one is about **George Gershwin** by Norbert Carnovale; Cost is \$95. It is complete, 632 pages, just written...**Radio's Captain Midnight** by Stephen Kallis, Jr. is published by McFarland & Company (1-800-253-2187) (1-336-246-4460). Cost of this 270-page book is \$32.50 postpaid. Using facts, details and events from the early radio scripts of Captain Midnight, the author has constructed a biography of the great wartime aviation hero. Appendices cover Secret Squadron equipment, codes...**Radio's Golden Years** by Frank Bresee and Bobb Lynes is now in its revised second edition. Cost is \$25. The information and art work is unmatched. Send to Frank at 8282 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90069...**Radio Drama**, A Comprehensive Chronicle of American Network Programs by **Martin Grams, Jr.** Published by McFarland, 584 pages, cost is \$75. The book includes more than 300 program logs, many for the first time. It also contains just about all dramatic broadcast logs previously available from others. Each one contains a short broadcast history. This follows his books on Cavalcade of America, CBS Radio Mystery Theater and Suspense...**George Ansbros' Book**, "I Have a Lady in the Balcony" is now available from McFarland (1-800-253-2187) or (336-246-4460) for \$36.50 (208 pages) with a great forward by Leonard Maltin. George has an encyclopedic memory and the book covers his entire career as announcer for NBC and ABC which started in 1934. It is also available from the OTR Digest Web site (see below). George has been a frequent attendee at our FOTR convention...A new book from McFarland (1-800-253-2187) or (336-246-4460) is **Encyclopedia of American Radio 1920 - 1960** by **Luther Sies**, retired college professor in New York. It is 912 pages and \$135. This encyclopedia cover programs, personnel, orchestras, musicians and much else. The book has over 28,000 entries. Some entries have one line of information, some several paragraphs...**Just the Facts, Ma'am** by Daniel Moyer and Eugene Alvarez is the authorized biography of Jack Webb. It is published by H & S Publishing in Kapaa, HI. It is 215 pages and costs \$24.95. Call 1-800-835-0583 or 1-808-822-7449.

CONVENTIONS:

14th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, Apr 28 - 29 at the Radisson Hotel in Cincinnati. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333

11th Annual Radio Classics Live, May 5 - 6 at Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA. contact Bob Bowers, Massasoit Com. College, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508-588-9100 (Ext 1906)

Kate Smith Festival X111, June 2 - 4, Lake Placid Resort, Lake Placid, NY. For information contact Sarah De Natale, 157 Tacoma Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216.

20th Anniversary of the Midwest Radio Theater Workshop, June 5 - 10 at William Woods Univ., Fulton, MO. For information contact Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11551 (516) 483-8321

16th Annual Lum and Abner Convention June 26 - 27 in Mena, Arkansas at the Best Western Lime Tree Inn. For information contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062 (205) 648-6110

REPS Radio Showcase V111, June 30 and July 1 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518

25th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 28 – Sep 3 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363.

25th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 19 - 22 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

17th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 10 - 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, LA. More details later.

ORGANIZATIONS: (From Bob Burnham) Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield, Michigan just celebrated its 30th anniversary. Originally purchased school from Lee Alan. Started by employing only 3 part time instructors, now employs 45 full time staff members in a 27,000' facility that now includes 4 radio stations, production with digital editing, 15 practice studios, 3 television studios, 6 video editing suites. (web site is www.specshoward.edu)

Founder, Specs Howard (Jerry Leibman), has a radio career going back over 50 years. Was announcer for ABC. Worked at Cleveland and Detroit radio stations, including WXYZ as morning show host. A special video was produced and presented to Mr. Howard at a February celebration, and featured wishes from Dick Osgood, Lee Alan, Ernie Harwell, Casey Kasem and many local and national personalities Specs worked with during his career.

(From Dave Easter) **NPR Plans SF Radio Drama Series**. SF writer Harlan Ellison will host Beyond 2000, a series of radio dramas based on classic SF stories and novels, which premieres on National Public Radio in April, Ellison told SCI FI Wire. "This will be the most ambitious attempt at doing [SF] radio drama since the 1950s, when Dimension X and X Minus One were on," Ellison said.

The series will feature dramatizations of stories by Isaac Asimov, Fredric Brown, Ellison, Robert A. Heinlein, Ursula K. Le Gum, Robert Silverberg, Theodore Sturgeon, A.E. van Vogt, Jules Verne, Kurt Vonnegut, H.G. Wells, Connie Willis, Roger Zelazny and others. The programs will showcase performances by actors Rene Auberjonois, Richard Dreyfuss, Samantha Eggart, Robert Foxworth, William Sanderson, Robin Williams and others.

The 26 one-hour programs are produced in cooperation with the Hollywood Theater of the Ear and were financed in part with a \$200,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, Ellison said. Ellison helped select and adapt some of the stories. The programs will eventually be released as six cassette tapes by Dove Audio.

(From WTIC) **"The Golden Age of Radio"** which aired on WTIC from 1969 - 1977 is being heard again on WAMU in Washington, DC. "Golden Age" airs the first Sunday of every month at 9 pm as part of the station's four-hour Big Broadcast Show which airs Sundays from 7 - 11 pm. The show was hosted by Dick Bertel and Ed Corcoran. WAMU is also available on the WEB <www.wamu.org>

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...To get on Charlie Summers Old Radio Mailing list email <oldradio-request@oldradio.net>: Charlie's mailing list is a moderated one dedicated to Old Radio between the 1920's and the end of 1962. New Members include: Gil Vatter <Gilvatter@aol.com>...Gary Yoggy <yoggy@peoplepc.com>...Mary Lou Wallace <mlw57@webtv.net>

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. All begin with <<http://www.>> Let me know what yours is: Lou Genco (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...Jim Widner <otr.com> (Radio Days)...Metro Golden Memories <mg-memories.com>... BRC (Bob Burnham) <brcradio.com/>...Ted Kneebone <otrsite.com/kneebone>...Jerry Haendiges <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...John Cooper <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...Australian Film and Sound <Screensound.gov.au>...Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs) (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. OTR Digest <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): McCoy's Recording (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...Jerry Haendiges, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...Roger Hill's "Nothing's New" #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...Vintage Broadcasts (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...Radio Memories (Ted Davenport),

1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Rainy Day Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, #114 E Cuthbert Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...**Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>

All listings below list sampling of shows. Travis Conner has many new discs of Bing Crosby Minute Maid shows from 1950...**Vintage Broadcasts**; Let George Do It, Father Knows Best, Jimmy Durante, Adventures of Frank Race...**Radio Memories**, Lights Out, Man Called X, Andrews Sisters...**John Barber**; more scripts ...**Great American Radio**, Family Theater, Suspense.

NEWS ADDRESSES: Bob Everhart, Box 492, Anita, IA 50020

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Allen Ragonnet, Jr., 1079 Lawrence St., Franklin Square, NY 11010...**John LaSalle**, 7366 W Granada Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85035...**Bob Tkacz**, 1300 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06080

OLD FRIENDS: Don Brush, c/o A O'Connor, 1116 Bancroft St., Deltona, FL 32725 has cassette player that has very slow to very fast speeds. If you problems with your tape speed, send Don your tape plus a blank tape and postage and he will help you.

IN FOND MEMORY: John Hickman, Dec 10, 1999, 55; Broadcast "The Big Broadcast" (originally called Recollections) for over 25 years over WAMU in Washington DC...**Jester Hairston**, Jan 18, 98; Actor (Amos 'n' Andy (TV), Beulah)...**Dick Dudley**, Feb 2, 84; announcer for NBC for 40 years. Dick attended our convention more than once...**Frances Von Bernhardt**, Jun 3, 88; I just found out about Frances, casting director for the Hummerts. She also attended our convention and was a good friend of Abby Lewis...**Bob Hite**, Feb 18, 86; Announcer (Lone Ranger, Casey, Crime Photographer, Challenge of the Yukon)...**Louis Pelletier**, Feb 11, 93; writer (FBI in Peace and War)...**Early Wright**, Dec 10, 84; Pioneering radio personality; first black disc jockey in Mississippi; "Soul Man" broadcast from 1947 to 1998...**Dick Osgood**, Feb 29, 98; radio pioneer and author of WYXIE Wonderland; attended our convention several times...**George Duning**, Feb 27, 92; composer and musical director (Kay Kyser; AFRN conductor)...**Elsa Otto Esposito**, Feb 29, 95; Singer (Moon River)...**Durward Kirby**, Mar 16, 88; Worked with Garry Moore for many years...**Alex Dreier**, Mar 12, 83; News and Radio Correspondent with NBC and ABC.

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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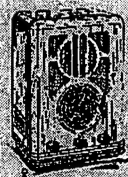
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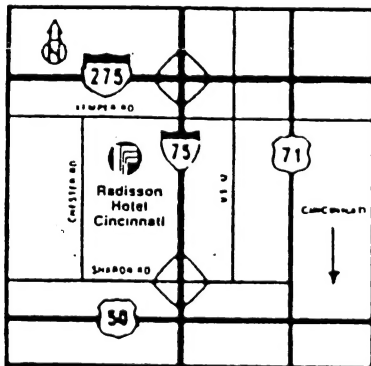
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